

KENTUCKY COAL.

Big Undertaking in Pike and Adjoining Counties.

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 Louisville, Ky., March 11.—Since the opening of the vast coking coal fields of Pike and adjoining counties two years ago by the Chesapeake & Ohio extension up the valley of the Big Sandy river industrial developments on a large scale have followed, and deals in coal and timber lands involving thousands of dollars have been of such frequent occurrence as to attract only passing comment. Eastern and Northern corporations with millions of dollars of backing have secured hundreds of thousands of acres in the heart of the coal fields, and some of the largest mining plants in the South are now being installed in the sections where transportation facilities make industrial developments possible.

In Pike county, the largest county in Kentucky, a number of large mining operations are being started. Up the valley of Marrowbone creek a short railroad has been extended out from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and along this extension 10 operations will soon be under way. The Greenough Coal and Coke Co. and the Pike Coal and Coke Co., capitalized at \$100,000 each, plan to mine and ship 250,000 tons each per year when developments are fully under way. The upper and lower Elkhorn seams are being developed, and it is the intention of the companies to build a large number of coke ovens, for which the coal is excellently adapted. The territory entered by the Marrowbone Creek Railroad is owned by the Big Sandy Company of Boston, a \$10,000,000 corporation.

At several points along the main C and O. extension mines are being opened and an immense tonnage will come down the Big Sandy river valley when developments in Pike and adjoining counties are more extended in scope. The Chesapeake and Ohio line merely taps the field. To reach the finest deposits lateral railroads are being extended up the narrow creek valleys, and in a country so difficult of access the overcoming of natural obstacles requires time.

Besides the investments of the Big Sandy Company, which owns nearly 200,000 acres of coal lands, are those of the Northern Coal and Coke Co., a \$10,000,000 corporation which has secured nearly 200,000 acres of coal territory in Pike, Johnson and other counties of Eastern Kentucky. The Northern American Company, in which J. P. Morgan is the central figure, also has large holdings in this section and will carry out some vast projects.

An organization of the past week to the Thealka Coal Co., a \$100,000 corporation composed of Kentucky capitalists. Mining will be carried on in Johnson county, adjoining Pike. Mr. John C. C. Mayo of Paintsville, is the moving factor in this concern. The construction of the South & Western Railway is being pushed with all possible speed on the Virginia side. This is the line which will give a southern outlet to the Eastern Kentucky coal fields, and men prominent in the railroad affairs of the country are behind the undertaking.

Beginning at a connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio's Big Sandy division through the Breaks of the Sandy, a few miles from this town, the South and Western is being constructed across Southwestern Virginia, Eastern Tennessee, North Carolina into South Carolina, where a seaboard connection will be made. There hundred miles will be the total length of this line, and 50 per cent. is now completed. The total cost of construction is placed at \$40,000,000, the projectors sparing no expense in making the line fully adapted to meet the requirements of the vast coal movements which will take place toward the South with its completion. The completion of this line will mean the development of more than 500,000 acres of coal land now inaccessible on the Virginia side. The primary object in its construction, however, is to furnish a southern outlet for the coal of this section.

Across the Kentucky line in Virginia several thousand men are now grading and laying track for the South and Western Railroad. At Clinchport a tunnel nearly a mile in length is being bored, and near Marlou, S. C. a long tunnel is under way. The work through the Breaks of the Sandy into Kentucky will be taken up at once and within 18 months, it is believed, the entire line will be complete and ready for business.

Besides the Chesapeake and Ohio and South and Western, other companies are gradually reaching out for a slice of the coal fields of this region. The Lexington and Eastern Railroad Co., which extends from Lexington into Breathitt county, is making surveys for a further extension into the Pound Gap region of Letcher county, south of here. Rights in way are being secured over the

distance recovered by surveys, and the building of the line is no longer a matter of doubt.

The Southern Railway system now has surveyors in the Pound Gap field, and it is believed that system has the construction of a line in view to begin at Middlesboro, near the Kentucky-Tennessee-Virginia meeting point, and to proceed through Harlan county to the Letcher county coal fields. Several years ago a survey from Middlesboro into Harlan county was made by this company and rights of way for the greater part of the distance were secured.

The Harlan county field contains so much sought by the investors in the Elkhorn veins of coal, which are this field. Most of the coal measures of Harlan and Letcher counties are continuations of the measures of Pike county.

Active operations on the "Kentucky North and South Railway" will begin within a few days, with the beginning of surveys. The projectors of this line plan to build from Portsmouth, on the Ohio river, through the Eastern Kentucky fields to Charleston, S. C., via the Pound Gap region. The projectors of the road are Ohio and Pennsylvania capitalists who have extensive coal holdings which would be opened for development by the construction of the line as planned. W. B. Hudson.

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